

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING-NOVEMBER 4, 2003

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2003, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), Michael Possinger and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. (The meeting was held on Monday, as Tuesday was Election Day.)

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Mr. Adamonis.

Executive Session. Was held on October 24th regarding a personnel issue and tonight before this meeting regarding a litigation issue.

Unit Care Agreements. None.

Public Comment.

Mr. Adamonis. He lives in Country Terrace Acres and was asking the Board for additional stop signs in his development. With his request he gave the Board petitions of demand for the following:

1. Two stop signs on the upper and lower corner of Bonser Road and Buffalo Lane and more Children at Play signs throughout the development.
2. A stop sign on the upper corner of Hillside and Overlook Court. Signs warning stop sign ahead.

Mr. Stephensen. He is a new resident of LTS Development and has several concerns about promises from LTS Developers that the township would be doing. First he was told that the school bus would be picking children up in the development. The development is not Township roads and therefore, PVSD will not go inside to pick up the children. Mr. Stephensen's children have to walk. Why aren't these Roads Township roads? Chuck – The Board voted not to accept any roads into the Township road system earlier this year until further notice. We are the 5th largest road system in the State of PA. Although it is distasteful for some people we made a business decision. Consider this, if we take roads over we need a higher tax structure to take care of them which is legal per the 2nd class Township code and the Township has no obligation to accept the roads. Our obligation is not to increase the taxes. When you get your tax bill, come in and we will break down the small portion of the bill that comes to the Township. We have many developments that are not part of the Township road system. As far as the school bus issue we will work with PVSD and try to get a solution for you. Mr. Stephensen – If you close the road what about emergency vehicles, fire, ambulance, police? Chuck – your developer has a breakaway gate and water tanks for your safety.

Ms. Linda Genes. I have received a copy of your minutes where you decided not to take any more roads, it was earlier this year. Chuck – the Board of Supervisors does not have to make a decision to take these roads prior to the dedication of the roads. Ms. Genes – spoke to Mr.

Dominick DiPaolo from LTS and he told her he paid the Township \$26,000.00 for repairs to the existing roads which were damaged by LTS vehicles and that LTS offered PVSD a liability contract that they would maintain the roads in the bad weather. Chuck – We have not received any check from LTS.

Mr. Lopez. What is going to stop the construction vehicles coming up Hillside to Overlook, are they going to close the roads? Chuck – we are trying to enforce the Developers agreement.

Mr. Stephensen. We need to resolve this matter and work together as one.

Mr. Bourke. Legal access is Timber but all the roads are open. When the road gets closed is after the last home/lot is constructed. That could be forever.

Mr. Spinola. Asked what was signed and agreed to in the last set of minutes regarding the AT&T tower and where was it? Chuck – The proposed site is on Rte 715 (Merwine property). They came in for a special exception but they must prove the tower can not be located on a buy rite area already suitable for a tower. AT&T has asked the Board for permission to enter the Hillcrest Drive property (transfer station) to see if that property would be a suitable location for a tower. The Board gave permission for AT&T to enter the property and test for suitability only at this time.

Minutes. The minutes of October 7, 2003 incorrectly stated for Heller's Gas that Chief Eckert said 30,000 to 60,000 fuel must have 60,000 gallons of water supply tank. It should read a capacity of 60,000 gallons of water needs to be met with two (2) 40,000-gallon tanks and a well hookup. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve these minutes with the noted correction. (3-0) On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2003, meeting as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Pleasant Valley Chemical Free Party. Sent a letter of thanks to the Board, it said this is their 17th year of holding this party for the Graduating seniors and their bake sale at the Haunted Forest netted \$1600.00 towards next year's event.

MC Public Safety Center. Invited Mr. Albright, Planning Director and Mr. Weston, Roadmaster to a Telecommunication task force meeting on November 7, 2003 from 10-12 noon.

Prosser Labs. Sent in a quarterly report on the random testing in the Township on the bridges and water areas, all is ok.

Friends of Cherry Valley. Sent a letter of a public meeting on November 19, 2003 on national wildlife in that area.

Thank You letter for Zoning. A letter sent to the Board thanking Walter and Sharon for their persistence on a zoning issue.

Old Business.

Modafferi Agreement of Sale. This is a 29 acre parcel a connector piece at the back side of the Latin American Church property which we already own, that will be added to our park systems. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to sign this agreement of sale for \$107,000.00. (3-0) On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to allow Atty. McDonald to proceed with setting up the closing date on or before November 18, 2003. (3-0)

Zoning. There are times a zoning issue goes to court for non-compliance and a judgement is entered by the Magistrate. When the party fails to pay this fine at this time we have no recourse. The Zoning Officers are asking the Board to give authorization to there Attorney Mr. Higgins to place a lien on the property of non-payment. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to authorize Mr. Higgins to file a judgement in the courthouse, when necessary. (3-0)

Russ Fisher's Shaved Head. Once again it was a huge success the Haunted Forest. It netted over \$17,000.00 and Russ promised to shave his head if we made a big profit. Therefore, it took place at the Township meeting with a large group of Haunted Forest participants. There were over 140 kids who participated in this event as well as many, many volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Open Space Grant Paperwork. Our municipality is entitled to \$833,000.00 in County open space funding. Mr. Albright is working on the grant paperwork to request this money. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have this paperwork signed by Chuck Gould (Chairman) when it is ready to submit. (3-0)

Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee. DCED has approved the grant application for \$43,000.00 and we can start moving ahead with the project. A resident driven committee has drawn up a list of consultants to send a RFP (request for proposal). Jeff Weed from the MCPC has asked each municipality to send a letter of approval for this list so he may continue with this project. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to draft a letter to Mr. Weed with the Board's approval. (3-0)

Hotel Tax – Darryl Epley. Mr. Epley thanked the Board and Ms. Baker for inviting him to the meeting this evening. He said our county is one in 15 in the state that does not have a hotel tax. Mr. Epley has a proposal before the commissioners and would like a letter of support from the Board. We should have a fair share contribution from the visitors in the area. Monies generated should go for traffic, rail trails, litter and signage. Act 142 from 2/01 says monies have to go to tourism tours and development, promotion and marketing. There are old abandoned trail lines that exist and are not being used. This is the top tourist attraction in the United States. Hiking, biking, in line skating, and cross-country skiing are some of the uses for the trails, which would be free amenities for tourists and residents. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to write a letter of support to the Monroe County Commissioners. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the bills. (3-0)

Announcement. There will be a bill paying meeting and any other business that may come before the Board on November 21, 2003 at 7:00 a.m. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this meeting. (3-0)

Plans. None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary